

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 548

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mike Broyles on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Mike Broyles is one such estimable person, who served with distinction for nearly thirty years as a firefighter with the Cookeville Fire Department and who recently announced his much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, fascinated with firefighting from an early age, Mr. Broyles began his career as a firefighter in Sparta, before landing a job with the Cookeville Fire Department, where he remained for the rest of his career; and

WHEREAS, during his thirty-year career as a firefighter, Lieutenant Broyles saw his profession and its responsibilities grow and expand with changes in society and technology; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, the Cookeville Fire Department averaged approximately 200 calls a year; in 2015, the department averaged almost 2,600 calls, many of which included medical response and extrication—responsibilities the fire department did not have thirty years ago; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Broyles is an active and important part of his community and his profession, and he participates in numerous worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mike Broyles exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Lieutenant Broyles has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Mike Broyles our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.